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I. Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraphs as follows.

[0022] Referring to Figures 3 and ~~4~~ 5 the vehicle wheel assembly 18 can move up and down between a high point, ~~shown in Figure 3~~, and a low point, as shown in Figure 4. As the second end 16 of the connector rod 10 moves between the high point and the low point, the connector rod 10 must pivot radially about the first end 12 that is fixed with relation to the vehicle. The range of movement is typically on the order of approximately 60 degrees as shown at 21.

[0024] Referring to Figures 6 through 9, the second end 16 of the connector rod 10 is mounted pivotally to the vehicle wheel assembly 18. The vehicle wheel assembly 18 preferably includes a pivotal wheel hub 26 for supporting a wheel (not shown) 28, a knuckle 30 mounted to the wheel hub 26, and a pivot arm 32 extending outward from the knuckle 30. The pivot arm 32 preferably extends outward from the knuckle 30 so that the end of the pivot arm 32 is located away from the pivot point of the wheel assembly 18. Therefore, when the end of the pivot arm 32 is moved, the wheel assembly 18 pivots. The second end 16 of the connector rod 10 is pivotally mounted to the end of the pivot arm 32 to transfer motion of the steering mechanism 14 through the connector rod 10 to cause the wheel assembly 18 to pivot, thereby turning the vehicle.

[0028] Referring to Figures 10 and 11, rather than having a flexible shaft portion 20, the first end 12a of the connector rod 10a can alternatively be

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mounted to allow total pivotal freedom in the vertical plane as well as allowing limited pivotal movement in the horizontal plane. In this second embodiment the first end 12a includes an aperture 22a extending through the connector rod 10a for receiving a corresponding support pin 24a that is mounted to the vehicle steering mechanism 14a. The pin 24a is oriented orthogonal to the connector rod 10a such that when the connector rod 10a is mounted to the support pin 24a, the connector rod 10a can pivot vertically about the support pin 24a.